**Introduction to American Literature Quiz**

Write the letter of the correct answer in the blank beside the question. Write in capital letters ONLY!

**Syllabus:**

\_\_\_\_\_ True/False: The best way to contact me is by telephone.

\_\_\_\_\_ True/False: You can write with anything you want to in my class.

\_\_\_\_\_ How many units of English must you have to graduate?

A)However many you want B) 4 C) 3 D) English is not required to graduate

\_\_\_\_\_ When are you allowed to make up missing assignments?

A)Only in Saturday School B) You’re never allowed to make up missing assignments

C)Whenever you want to D) Only on Fridays

\_\_\_\_\_ True/False: You do not have to use the class website to be successful in class, but it will help.

**Major Historical Events:**

For the following set of questions, write the letter of the century in which the given events occurred.

1. 1400s B) 1500s C) 1600s D) 1700s E) 1800s F) 1900s

\_\_\_\_\_ Boston Tea Party

\_\_\_\_\_ The United States Joins WWII

\_\_\_\_\_ The first permanent settlement is made in the US.

\_\_\_\_\_ Salem Witchcraft Trials

\_\_\_\_\_ California Gold Rush begins

\_\_\_\_\_ Robert E. Lee surrenders to Ulysses S. Grant

\_\_\_\_\_ US Troops leave Vietnam

\_\_\_\_\_ Constitution is drafted

\_\_\_\_\_ Pilgrims land at Plymouth

\_\_\_\_\_ Shelley publishes Frankenstein

\_\_\_\_\_ What is “libel”?

A)A liberal way of thinking B) False statement that makes someone look bad

C) A judge D) The act of limiting a person’s rights.

\_\_\_\_\_ How does the publishing of Shelley’s novel *Frankenstein* influence American Literature?

A)The novel was only read in America B) Shelley is the first female American author

C) This was the first book to be made into a movie D) Her style influenced Poe

\_\_\_\_\_ When was the last major battle between US troops and Native Americans?

A)1519 B) 1692 C) 1890 D) 1945

\_\_\_\_\_ What major event happened in 1929?

A)The Stock Market crashed B) Twilight was published

C) The first American novel was published D) The Wright Brothers flew their airplane

\_\_\_\_\_ What did Walt Whitman publish in 1855?

A)Leaves of Grass B) Paradise Lost C) Great Gatsby D) Moby Dick

List two events we discussed and tell why those events are important to American history and/or literature. Include the year in which the events occurred. (3 points)

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Why is it important to study history when studying literature? (2 points)

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**Major American Literary Movements:**

Write the letter of the literary movement in which each of the following authors participated.

1. Revolutionary B) Transcendentalism C) Romanticism

D) Modernism E) Harlem Renaissance

\_\_\_\_\_ Ralph Waldo Emerson

\_\_\_\_\_ Langston Hughes

\_\_\_\_\_ Nathanial Hawthorne

\_\_\_\_\_ Thomas Jefferson

\_\_\_\_\_ Ernest Hemingway

\_\_\_\_\_ True/False: Postmodernism lasted from the 1950s to the present.

\_\_\_\_\_ True/False: The Beat Generation emphasizes everyday concerns and a simpler way of life.

\_\_\_\_\_ Which of the following is not a characteristic of colonial literature?

A)Self-reliance B) History C) Religion D) The New World

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Put the following movements in the correct order.

A)Harlem Renaissance B) Nationalism C) Colonialism D) Romanticism

\_\_\_\_\_ True/False: The time period for Transcendentalism overlaps with Romanticism.

**EOCT Practice:**

(Excerpt from FDR’s first Fireside Chat, Washington, D.C, March 12, 1933)

*Following is an excerpt of a speech given by FDR while he was President of the United States. It was near the end of the Great Depression, and he was urging people to be brave as the country recovered. Because of his education, position, and experience Roosevelt’s information about banking is reliable and valid.*

After all, there is an element in the readjustment of our financial system more important than currency, more important than gold, and that is the confidence of the people. Confidence and courage are the essentials of success in carrying out our plan.

You people must have faith; you must not be stampeded by rumors or guesses. Let us unite in banishing fear. We have provided the machinery to restore our financial system; it is up to you to support and make it work. It is your problem no less than it is mine. Together we cannot fail.

\_\_\_\_\_Which of the following BEST explains the author’s tone in the passage?

A)Angry B) Encouraging C) Taunting D) Relieved

\_\_\_\_\_ Knowing that this speech was given near the end of the Great Depression, which of the following BEST explains the speech’s importance?

A)The people needed a renewed sense of hope and responsibility after such difficult times.

B) The people caused the depression with irresponsibility; FDR wanted to make sure it didn’t happen again.

C) The people needed to feel the president was their friend as much as their leader.

D) The people wanted to be reassured that the depression was really over.

\_\_\_\_\_ The word *readjustment*, as it is used in the passage, suggests that that financial system was being adjusted

A)for the first time. B) again. C) for the last time. D) indefinitely.

\_\_\_\_\_ This passage BEST exemplifies what purpose for writing?

A)Narrative B) Expository C) Persuasive D) Technical

\_\_\_\_\_ What would be the best resource in which to find another word with a similar meaning in order to avoid repetition?

A)Dictionary B) Thesaurus C) Encyclopedia D) English textbook